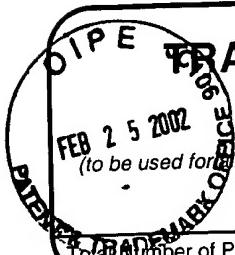


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2002, Paper No. 3,
please consider the following.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §
121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

I. Figure 3

II. Figure 5

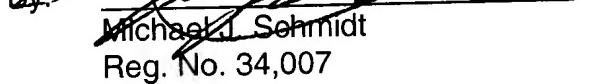
Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed
with Species I shown in Figure 3. Applicant believes that Claims 1-7, 10-15, 18-24 and
27 read on the elected species and that Claims 1-5 are generic. Applicant requests that

the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,


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